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Customer Number: 22,852

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Robert GALLANT et al.)	
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For: **A METHOD FOR ACCELERATING CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS
ON ELLIPTIC CURVES** - being a Continuation of PCT International Application
No. PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 4, insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No.

PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999, and claims the priority of
Canadian Patent Application No. 2,257,008, filed on December 24, 1998, the
content of all of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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REMARKS

No new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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